

Census Scientific Advisory Committee (CSAC)

2021 Spring Virtual Meeting

Minutes of March 18-19, 2021

Day 1 – (11:00am – 3:05pm)

Day 2 – (11:00am – 5:00pm)

Advisory Committee Members:

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Presenters and SMEs: Tommy Wright, Designated Federal Officer, CSAC
 Dr. Allison Plyer, Chair of CSAC
 Ron Jarmin, Acting Director of Census Bureau
 Albert Fontenot, Decennial Census Programs
 Deborah Stempowski, Decennial Census Programs
 Michael Thieme, Decennial Census Programs
 Barbara LoPresti, Decennial Census Programs
 Timothy Kennell, Decennial Statistical Studies Division
 Patrick Cantwell, Decennial Statistical Studies Division
 Christine Harley, Population Division
 Eric Jensen, Population Division
 Sallie Ann Keller, JASON Study Group
 Dan Meiron, JASON Study Group
 Michael Ratcliffe, Geography Division
 Adela Luque, Center for Economic Studies
 Emin Dinleron, Research and Methodology Directorate
 Rebecca Hutchinson, Center for Economic Studies
 Stephanie L. Studds, Economic Indicators Division

William Abriatis, Economic Indicators Division
Scott Scheleur, Economic Indicators Division

Advisory Committee Branch:

Kimberly Leonard
Shana Banks
Tony Ellis
Helen Abraham

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Tommy Wright, Designated Federal Officer for CSAC.

AGENDA: See below

Action Items / Information Requests / Follow up:

- The CSAC committee would like to see the Census Bureau hold a public meeting of the CSAC before June 2021. This is so that the Differential Privacy working group can present draft recommendations to the CSAC committee and so that the CSAC committee can make official recommendations regarding Differential Privacy before Privacy Loss Budget decisions are made.
- In future meetings, the CSAC committee would like to learn about quality metrics from the 2020 Census (e.g., how people were counted by geography: self-response, NRFU, administrative records), and patterns of use of the Internet self-response (e.g., platform used (mobile vs. desktop), drop-off points, multiple attempts, by demographic groups).
- The CSAC committee requests information on any anomalies related to the processing of college students, snowbirds, and similar populations. The CSAC committee is particularly interested in any methods the Census Bureau will use to assess the quality of the enumerations of these mobile populations.
- The CSAC committee requests a one-way briefing or presentation at the Fall 2021 meeting on efforts to correctly count college students and snowbirds once, only once, and in the right place for the 2020 Census.
- Given that the frames, within the Frames Program, are foundational to so many of the Census Bureau's products, the CSAC committee encourages the Census Bureau to brief the Interagency Working Group on Equitable Data (established under the Executive Order On Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government) on its plans and to solicit use cases from the Working Group that would advance the goals of the executive order (including the one provided on more fine-grained or more current statistics on business owners by race/ethnicity).
- The CSAC committee requests a presentation on the 2020 Administrative Records Census at a future meeting.
- The CSAC committee would like for the Census Bureau to communicate and get feedback on the results of its construction modernization efforts via professional conferences.
- To assist in orienting new members, the CSAC is asking that the Census Bureau consistently offer an online "Census 101" training whenever new members are added to the committee.

- The CSAC committee proposed a question, “Are non-profit organizations included in the business frame, or is it only for-profit businesses? A follow up answer will be provided soon.
- The proposed date for the CSAC 2021 Fall Virtual Meeting is September 23-24, 2021.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned on March 18, 2021 at 3:05 PM by Tommy Wright, Designated Federal Officer of CSAC. Committee deliberations continued offline until 6:00 PM. On March 19, 2021, the committee deliberated from 2:25 PM to 4:30 PM to discuss and develop recommendations. The meeting reconvened in which the 2021 CSAC Spring Virtual Meeting recommendations were presented at 4:30 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM by Tommy Wright, Designated Federal Officer of CSAC.

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U.S. Census Bureau

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11:00am – 5:00pm ET

Teleconference Number: 1-888-843-6166 or 1-517-308-9473

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Thursday, March 18, 2021

Location: Virtual Meeting

11:00 AM

Opening Remarks

Tommy Wright, Designated Federal Officer, Census Scientific Advisory Committee

Chair Remarks

Dr. Allison Plyer, Chair, Census Scientific Advisory Committee

Executive Remarks

Ron Jarmin, Acting Director, U.S. Census Bureau

11:30 AM

2020 Census Operational Review

Presenters: Albert E. Fontenot, Jr., Decennial Census Programs

Deborah Stempowski, Decennial Census Programs

CSAC Discussant: Juan-Pablo Hourcade and Committee Discussion

12:15 PM

Post-Enumeration Data Processing Status

Presenters: Michael Thieme, Decennial Census Programs

Barbara LoPresti, Decennial Census Programs

CSAC Discussant: Jay Breidt and Committee Discussion

1:00 PM

BREAK

1:10 PM

Post -Enumeration Survey Update

Presenters: Timothy Kennell, Decennial Statistical Studies Division

Patrick Cantwell, Decennial Statistical Studies Division

CSAC Discussant: John Czajka and Committee Discussion

1:55 PM

Population Estimates Program

Presenter: Christine Hartley, Population Division

Eric Jensen, Population Division

CSAC Discussant: Richelle Winkler and Committee Discussion

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Assessment of 2020 Census Data Quality Processes

Presenters: Sallie Ann Keller, Jason Study Group

Dan Meiron, Jason Study Group

CSAC Discussant: Kunal Talwar and Committee Discussion

3:05 PM

****BREAK****

3:15 PM

CSAC Committee Discussion and Formulation of Recommendations

Moderator: Dr. Allison Plyer, Chair, Census Scientific Advisory Committee

5:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned

Tommy Wright, Designated Federal Officer

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- 11:00 AM** ***Opening Remarks***
Tommy Wright, Designated Federal Officer, Census Scientific Advisory Committee
Chair Remarks
Dr. Allison Plyer, Chair, Census Scientific Advisory Committee
- 11:10 AM** ***Frames Project***
Presenter: Michael Ratcliffe, Geography Division
CSAC Discussant: Mario Marazzi and Committee Discussion
- 11:45 AM** ***Introduction of the New Non-Employer Statistics by Demographics***
Presenter: Adela Luque, Center for Economic Studies
CSAC Discussant: Jessica McKellar and Committee Discussion
- 12:15 PM** ***Business Formation Statistics***
Presenter: Emin Dinleron, Research and Methodology Directorate
Rebecca Hutchinson, Center for Economic Studies
CSAC Discussant: Andrew Samwick and Committee Discussion
- 12:45 PM** ****BREAK****
- 12:55 PM** ***Construction Modernization – Re-engineering Initiative***
Presenter: Stephanie L. Studds, Economic Indicators Division
William Abriatis, Economic Indicators Division
CSAC Discussant: Jeff Lower and Committee Discussion
- 1:25 PM** ***New Modeled, Monthly State-Level Retail Sales Product***
Presenter: Rebecca Hutchinson, Economic Indicators Division
Scott Scheleur, Economic Indicators Division
CSAC Discussant: Krishna Rao and Committee Discussion

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1:55 PM	PUBLIC COMMENTS
2:15 PM	*BREAK*
2:25 PM	<i>CSAC Committee Discussion and Formulation of Recommendations</i> Moderator: Dr. Allison Plyer, Chair, Census Scientific Advisory Committee
4:30 PM	<i>Presentation of 2021 CSAC Spring Virtual Meeting Recommendations</i> Presenter: Dr. Allison Plyer, Chair, Census Scientific Advisory Committee
5:00 PM	<i>Meeting Adjourned</i> Tommy Wright, Designated Federal Officer

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